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Letter dated 19 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the aggressive joint military exercise known as "Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG)", which is now being conducted by the United States of America in South Korea against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The United States-led joint military exercises, including UFG, which are staged one after another every year on the Korean peninsula and beyond, are serious provocations, as well as a typical expression of the hostile policy of the United States against the DPRK.

The United States is again attempting to cover up the aggressive and dangerous nature of such exercises by describing them as "annual" or "defensive".

However, such real war-like military manoeuvres, which mobilize massive armed forces and nuclear war means with a purpose of occupying Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, can neither be "defensive" nor justified as "routine" under the pretext of "annual basis".

The United States is going to force the DPRK into an arms race through ceaseless war drills and arms build-up in a sinister bid to place hurdles in the way of efforts of the DPRK for economic development and improvement of people's lives and to seek an opportunity for a preemptive attack on the DPRK by making it inattentive to increased vicious cycles of tensions.

The United States war games clearly prove that it is the United States that instigates the vicious cycles of escalating confrontation and tension and creating the danger of war on the Korean peninsula.

The United States-led aggressive and provocative large-scale joint military exercises are no longer issues confined to the DPRK and the United States, or the inter-Korean relations, but are an international issue that threatens the peace and security in Northeast Asia and beyond.

Therefore, I request that the issue of the United States joint military exercises be placed on the agenda of the Security Council, and that a meeting of the Security Council be urgently held in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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I would like to remind that the Security Council has unjustifiably ignored the several requests of the DPRK to place the issue of the United States joint military exercises on the agenda of the Security Council.

Should the Security Council again ignore the just request of the DPRK to discuss the United States joint military exercises, it will expose that it is giving up its primary mission of maintaining international peace and security and becoming a political tool of an individual power.

If the United States persistently opts for military confrontation despite the repeated warnings of the DPRK and the shared denunciation by the international community, it will be held wholly accountable for all the ensuing consequences.

The DPRK will not wait indefinitely for the United States to change its DPRK policy by seeing its sovereignty and security being threatened, but will make all necessary steps to deter the United States nuclear provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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